

I have read the synopsis of the four petitions (RM-10867 through RM-10870) before the FCC regarding amateur radio restructuring. As a long standing member of ARRL, I wish to support their proposal. The ARRL proposal reduces the CW requirement to 5wpm for the most advanced class of licensee. This seems fair in that the days of copying 20wpm is no longer needed. With the advent of packet radio, new technology and electronic keyer's, high speed CW is a thing of days gone by.

Consolidation of the Tech., Tech. Plus and General classes also seems logical. Current testing for these three classes are similar, with the only appreciable difference being the rate of code copied. I feel its time for amateur radio restructuring. The ARRL proposal will open more avenues for the radio enthusiasts than those proposals of other organizations and individuals.